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Serial No.: 09/664,958 Examiner: L. R. Helms
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT REGARDING APRIL 30, 2003 FINAL OFFICE
ACTION AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants hereby submit this Preliminary Amendment as a submission in connection with the accompanying request for continued examination ("RCE") in connection with the above-identified application. The Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to address the Examiner's rejections made in the April 30, 2003 Final Office action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with this application. A response to the April 30, 2003 Final Office Action is due July 30, 2003. Accordingly, this Preliminary Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

 X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 is enclosed.

 No additional fee is required.

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Total Claims	20	-	* 20	=	*** 0	x	\$9.00	\$18.00	=	0
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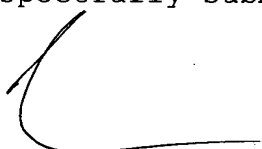
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 X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,



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